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GENOTYPING BY MASS SPECTROMETRIC ANALYSIS

OF SHORT DNA FRAGMENTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please delete claims 1-26 in the captioned divisional application.

REMARKS

Claims 27 through 30 remain in the application for prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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